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Memorandum for the Record on PRG meeting
to discuss US immigration quotas worldwide
for FY-89



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PRG Meeting to Discuss US Immigration Quotas Worldwide for FY-89,
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1. The purpose of this meeting was to resolve a debate among the various Departments and Agencies regarding the number of refugees that will be authorized admittance to the US in FY-89. The President is obligated by statute, in consultation with Congress, to establish this number by 1 October 1988. The Refugee Coordinator, Justice Department, and Office of Public Diplomacy want the level set at 90,000. State and OMB want the level set at 68,500 or not more than 84,000 if Congress approves funding at that level. Congress is expected to come out of conference with 84,000. The argument for 90,000 is that this figure is our best judgment about the need based on humanitarian grounds, even though we don't have funding. OMB and State want to set the number at the amount we have funding for.

3. After much discussion, I believe it will be a compromise that sets the number at 90,000 but the difference between the 84,000 that can be funded and the 90,000 will have to be made up through private contributions.


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Deputy Director for Intelligence

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POLICY REVIEW GROUP MEETING
Friday, September 9, 1988
11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
White House Situation Room

REFUGEE POLICY

AGENDA

I.	Introduction	John Negroponte (2 minutes)
II.	Projections of Refugee Numbers	Coordinator (10 minutes)
III.	Foreign Policy Implications	State (5 minutes)
IV.	Domestic Implications	HHS (5 minutes)
V.	Funding Implications/Options	OMB (5 minutes)
VI.	Discussion	All (30 minutes)
VII.	Summary	Negroponte (3 minutes)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 8, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: PRG Meeting on Refugee Policy, Friday, September 9,
1988, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, White House Situation
Room (C)

A PRG will be held in the White House Situation Room Friday,
September 9, 1988, at 11:00 a.m., concerning USG policy on the number
of refugees to be notified to Congress for FY89 and the relationship
of that number to funding. (C)

An agenda is attached at Tab A.


Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Tab A Agenda

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